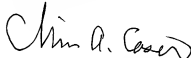


REMARKS

Applicant submits herewith amendments to the claims responsive to the September 28, 2006, Examiner's Amendment. The amendments made to independent Claims 1, 23, and 30, and dependent Claims 6, 12 and 13 more clearly describe the present invention in the terms the examiner and the Applicant's representative agreed to in the August 24, 2006, telephone exchange. The claims amendments add no new subject matter, are fully supported by the original specification and require no new searching. It is therefore respectfully requested that this amendment be entered.

The examiner is respectfully requested to initiate telephonic communication to resolve any remaining issues regarding the claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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